

Buckland Board of Health
 Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:30 p.m.,
 Meeting Held Via ZOOM

AGENDA

1. Open the meeting.
2. Sue Samoriski/John Cornman - Request by Mary Lyon Foundation to use Mohawk Trail Regional School office for administrative work.
3. Review of previous minutes and approve.
4. Health Agent report - Randy or Lisa DB.
5. COVID-19/BOH Response: information and updates.
 1. Cases in Buckland - update.
 2. Re-opening, Phase 2: updates and issues.
 3. Town Meeting, planning.
 4. Other as needed.
6. PVTC Conference Report - Terry.
7. F.O.E. parking lot complaint: truck w/garbage & debris.
8. BLM demonstration - complaint/response.
9. Fire pits, cooking fires, & burning in the village.
10. Review minutes of previous meeting(s) and approve.
11. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
12. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
13. Public comment.
14. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chairman
 Terry Estes - Board of Health Member
 Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member
 Herb Guyette - Fire Chief
 Sue Samoriski - Mary Lyon Foundation
 John Cornman - Mary Lyon Foundation
 Randy Crochier - Health Agent
 Madeline Liebling - Resident
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

MEETING

1. **Open the meeting** - Meeting opened at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Sue Samoriski/John Cornman - Request by Mary Lyon Foundation to use Mohawk Trail Regional School office for administrative work -**

1. Sue Samoriski and John Cornman of the Mary Lyon Foundation (MLF) needed to access their office in Mohawk Trail Regional School and were requesting permission and guidance to do so.
 2. Sue noted that she had to retrieve things from the office, and also had to meet with a volunteer for whom internet access was an issue.
 3. Sue reported that they had their own key fobs, would enter in the rear of the building (Building D) and proceed directly up back stairs. The room is a regular classroom with a capacity of 25 or more, so the use of it for a maximum of three people at a time would not exceed the percentage of space that can be used per COVID-19 guidelines.
 4. Randy said that there would have to be a COVID control plan, the information for which is available under state guidelines for Phase 2 reopening. Marti offered to forward sections of MA website that address MLF needs.
 5. Rich has no major concerns and is confident that the MLF understands and will adhere to all requirements.
- 3. Review of previous minutes and approve -** Will be reviewed for approval at next meeting.
- 4. Health Agent report; Randy or Lisa DB -**
1. Buckland in general has remained quiet.
 2. Board discussion on Title 5 for 66 Upper Street, change of ownership at that address and perhaps change of use. Randy suggested that owner be contacted and informed of steps they must take to comply with change of use.
 3. Bostley had reported vandalism to downtown port-a-potty, including graffiti and vandalism to fixtures.
 4. Phase 2 provides for some stores to allow customers inside.
 5. There is not much readily available outdoor dining in Buckland, and indoor dining does not come into effect until Phase 3.
 6. Marti interjected that the task force had sent a message to all dining facilities/eateries stating that the task force is willing to assist them through opening up process. Some business owners were present at last meeting, and brainstormed with task force members and each other for a mutually beneficial approach. Outdoor spaces, food trucks, and serving of alcohol were all discussed.
 7. Randy stated that there is state money available to aid businesses in establishing outdoor dining. Marti asked Randy to forward the link to that information.
 8. Eagles parking lot mentioned for possibility of parking.
 9. BOH members in many towns are receiving calls at home. Randy stated that it was not necessary for Board members to take such calls and suggested instead that they be forwarded to him at FRCOG, or to BOH voicemail at Town Hall. Marti is requesting a paper log to record all BOH calls at Town Hall
- 5. COVID-19/BOH Response: information and updates -**
1. Cases in Buckland, update - Rich reported on COVID cases in Buckland. There were 3 positive antibody tests which showed past infection. Lisa White

said no further action was necessary. There have been no active cases for several weeks.

1. Board discussion on number of total cases to date, and policy on antibody testing.
2. Re-opening, Phase 2 updates and issues -
 1. Cleaning procedures for Buckland Rec playground structure were discussed, and methods employed by other towns mentioned. Randy said power washing structures is not necessary for sanitation. He recommended sanitizing daily with a focus on "high touch" areas.
 2. Possible Tai-Chi classes to be held in pavilion at Buckland Rec. Discussion on attendance limits, and if basketball court also an option for classes. Marti to contact Cindy Schwartz to confirm details and discuss.
3. Town Meeting, planning - Marti had copies of plan if anyone wanted.
 1. Board discussion on this year's town meeting format, and the fact that it is an opportunity to gauge efficiency for a drive thru flu clinic in the fall.
6. **PVTC Conference Report, Terry -**
 1. Terry had emailed copies of report. Most menthol products banned. Must be purchased and consumed at bar or cafe for such products.
7. **F.O.E. parking lot complaint: truck w/garbage & debris -**
 1. Terry asked if the Eagles allowed the truck and trailer with garbage and debris to park in their lot. Brief Board discussion. Randy is going to contact Chief Hicks to determine owner and address the situation.
8. **BLM demonstration: complaint/response -**
 1. Board discussion regarding BLM demonstration on iron bridge and incident that occurred. Board members had been contacted relative to demonstration, and BOH involvement in such matters.
 2. Concern was expressed by Board members that much time is spent responding to resident complaints made by contacting BOH members directly on private phones and emails. Discussion focused on how best to respond efficiently. Question raised if BOH voicemail at Town Hall should be expanded to include all BOH matters, not just COVID. Also, better perhaps for emails to be recorded on town website. Randy to send email to regular complainants advising use of town voicemail and email, not private.
 3. Rich emphasized that formal complaints be submitted in writing.
9. **Fire pits, cooking fires, & burning in the village -**
 1. This agenda item taken out of order and addressed directly following item #2.
 2. Madeline Liebling announced that she was recording this portion of the meeting
 3. When asked if there had been any complaints since last addressed, Herb Guyette responded that there had been one. He reported that it was a legal burn, and when he asked the person to extinguish the fire, they complied. Fire was not smoky when he arrived, but became smoky when put out.
 4. Madeline reported that there was "acid" smoke in her apartment. Whether windows are open or closed makes little or no difference; smell of smoke is strong.

5. Randy is currently working on a burn plan, what constitutes/does not constitute a nuisance burn, which will hopefully be ready for next meeting.
6. Discussion on size of fire pits. Those which conform to size guidelines can burn as long as they want, if its a legal burn.
7. Terry has spoken to people on Franklin Street (abutting Crittenden property at 71 Ashfield Street) and requested that the fire pit be moved further from the property line; over time, it has moved back towards property line. He also spoke to owner of 71 Ashfield Street who reports making some accommodations, including fans. Madeline said they are most useful in winter.
8. There have been 6 complaints in past 1 1/2 to 2 months.
9. One tenant is said to have serious lung issues, but that person's name is not among those who have made complaints. Rich said if that tenant makes a formal complaint, the BOH will investigate.
10. Next door neighbor to 71 Ashfield Street is not only source of smoke; if someone burns several blocks away, that, too, is bothersome.
11. Rich reiterated that affected people should address BOH in writing to file a complaint so their concerns can be investigated.
- 10. Review minutes of previous meeting(s) and approve - See Agenda Item #3.**
- 11. Review/process mail; Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall - No mail to open/process.**
- 12. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -**
 1. One dog bite reported. Dog quarantined for 10 days.
 2. No current Vacant and Abandoned Housing issues. Brief discussion on Attorney General's V & A Housing presentation.
 3. Title 5 season is busy.
- 13. Public comment - N/A**
- 14. Adjourn the meeting -** No meeting to be held on 5th Tuesday of June. Next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2020. Rich moved to adjourn seconded by Marti. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, July 7, 2020

Approved by:

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